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Attached are some themes I put together for the President's address -- have no idea whether they will be used or not. In thinking about the Judge's remarks, he obviously will want to make a fairly personal statement, and I would not dare to suggest any actual words. One idea you might consider is to dredge up some earlier contact between Judge Webster and CIA (humorous or otherwise) as an anecdote to make the point that the Judge does not consider himself a complete outsider coming in to take charge of an alien organization. I think that would go over very well. In the same vein, I think a brief acknowledgment of Bill Casey's legacy would be a nice touch. It's time to put the Casey era behind us and look to the future, but since he was very much respected around here, a gesture by the Judge in that direction would really be appreciated.

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The swearing-in of Judge Webster as Director of Central Intelligence in this, the 40th anniversary year of the Central Intelligence Agency, affords a good opportunity to remind the nation of what the mission of intelligence really is, and how important it is to the well-being of our country.

- World has changed tremendously in 40 years. The number of players has proliferated, issues have become bewilderingly complex, and the world much smaller and dangerous.
- The American intelligence community has been able to adjust to meet the challenge. Thanks to sustained support of the Congress, the American people, and the leadership of Bill Casey, Judge Webster will be taking over an American intelligence community that is more robust and versatile than at any time in history.
- Right now, the men and women of the American intelligence community are playing a key role in the wars against international terrorism and narcotics. They're being drawn into other non-traditional areas of collection and analysis at a breathtaking pace -- working on issues that impose increasingly difficult challenges to our society, such as emerging new

technologies, industrial competitiveness, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, international debt, just to mention a few.

- Our Government depends upon the intelligence community to scout the future. Although you'll read or hear almost nothing about it in the American media, our intelligence community has the information, expertise, and resources to do in-depth research across the broad spectrum of international issues. It is the one element of our Government that can, and must, assess the problems this Nation will face as it enters the 21st Century.
- So much of this important work depends on American technological ingenuity -- our computers and our satellites are indispensable to the work of intelligence. But important to note that intelligence, perhaps more than any other profession, remains primarily a matter of people and human commitment.
- Some of you in the intelligence community are charged with unraveling the puzzle of how our adversaries are working to illegally acquire our most sensitive technology. Others given the job of charting the convoluted road map of international drug dealing, others charged with task of exposing and countering the huge Soviet espionage propaganda apparatus, many others given the task of developing new methods of gathering, analyzing and interpreting data.

- It is, and always has been, the caliber of the men and women engaged in these endeavors, their creativity, determination, brilliance, and so often their personal courage, that spells the difference between success and failure and the difference between more or less security for the American people.
- Bill Casey, not too long ago, told a gathering of college placement directors, and I quote: "The CIA is not a place for tender egos or shrinking violets. The clashes and ideas can get rough; no one's views are protected from challenge. Nor is CIA the place for the cynical or the merely curious. It is instead a place for people who are aware of the world and who are ready and willing to make a commitment to serve their country in a challenging environment where one person can, indeed, make a difference."
- Right now, the media is broadcasting to the world the failures of intelligence -- a few real, most fictional. But the many successes realized from the kind of spirit and commitment Bill Casey was describing, can only be celebrated in private. And those of us in Congress and the Executive Branch that do know about those successes -- who understand, for example, that the kind of arms control agreement all peace-loving people want and demand -- must rest on a solid intelligence foundation, have a responsibility to assure the American people that they have and will continue to have the best intelligence service in the

world. And that they have an intelligence community staffed by honorable men and women who gladly work within the framework of our legal system and in a manner compatible with our democratic principles.

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